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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as follows to place this U.S. Patent Application in better condition for examination.

In the claims, substitute the following Claim 1 (Currently Amended) for the pending Claim 1 (Original).